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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-1430-01; WYW 126227]

Opening of Land in a Proposed Withdrawal; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice cancels a withdrawal application insofar as it affects 1410.00 acres of public land and opens the land to surface entry and mining. It has been and remains open to mineral leasing. The remaining portion of the withdrawal application will continue to be processed unless it is cancelled or denied.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office (WY 921), P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, 307-775-6124.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal published in the **Federal Register**, 59 FR 5441, on February 4, 1994, for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to protect important paleontological resources on Big Cedar Ridge near Tensleep, Wyoming. After completing an environmental assessment, the BLM determined that certain land is no longer needed for the withdrawal. The land is described as follows:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 45 N., R. 89 W.,
 Sec. 8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 16, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 17, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 20, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 21, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 28, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 32, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 1,410 acres in Washakie County.

At 9 a.m. on December 24, 1997 the land will be opened to location and

entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provision of existing withdrawals, and other segregations of record.

Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-1230-00]

Special Area—Fee Adjustment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of fee adjustment for use of Special Area within Butte County, California.

SUMMARY: The BLM is adjusting the daily fee from \$2.50 per site, per day to \$5.00 per site, per day for recreational mineral collection at the Forks of Butte Creek Special Recreation Management Area. This fee adjustment is required to reflect the current market value of the recreation opportunity being offered by BLM, and to reduce over-crowding and degradation within the Special Recreation Management Area.

DATES: This fee adjustment will take effect January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles M. Schultz, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forks of Butte Creek Special Recreation Management Area in Butte County, California, was placed under protective withdrawal (S 4528) by Public Land Order 5329 on January 18, 1973, to segregate the area from all forms of appropriation, including the mining laws. While the mineral rights to much of this area continue to be held under

mining claims that pre-date this withdrawal, several segments (sites) of Butte Creek are not encumbered with mining claims. These sites have become extremely popular for recreational mineral collection via panning, sluicing and dredging.

The authority for this fee adjustment is 43 CFR 8372. Any person who engages in mineral collection within the Forks of Butte Creek Special Recreation Area in violation of permit terms or stipulations may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Charles M. Schultz,

Redding Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-010-98-1610]

Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan: Intent To Amend

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan, Arizona.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR part 1600) this notice advises the public that the Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, is proposing to amend the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan to establish allowable resource uses on the Lee's Ferry Grazing Allotment. In accordance with 43 CFR part 4100.0-8 "The authorized officer shall manage livestock grazing on public lands under the principle of multiple use and sustained yield, and in accordance with applicable land use plans. Land use plans shall establish allowable resource uses (either singly or in combination), related levels of production or use to be maintained, areas of use, * * *'. The Bureau of Land Management, in cooperation with the Lee's Ferry Grazing permittee, desires to retire the grazing preferences associated with the grazing allotment to alleviate conflicts between livestock and recreationist using the narrow Paria River Canyon corridor.

The main issues anticipated in this plan amendment are: (1) potential impacts on recreation opportunities; (2), and potential impacts on the socio-economics of Coconino County, Arizona.

This amendment is limited to the area contained within the Lee's Ferry Allotment on the Arizona Strip.